

ANNEX II

NATIONAL SCHOOL OF THE JUDICIARY

A. SEMINARS AND TRAINING WORKSHOPS FOR THE EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING OF JUDGES, PROSECUTORS AND JUDICIAL OFFICERS 2025-2026

I. Initial Training in 2025 (for trainee judges and prosecutors)

1. “Charter of Fundamental Rights – Children’s Rights – Child-Friendly Justice”,

(including: Directive (EU) 2016/800 on procedural safeguards for children who are suspects or accused persons in criminal proceedings, Child-friendly justice for children with disabilities and/or psychosocial difficulties, Child-friendly justice under the Code of Criminal Procedure; (case law of the CJEU et ECtHR), Forensic examination of the minor victim during the pre-trial stage, Children’s rights under the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the E.U. and their application by CJEU, Criteria for specifying the interests of the child in cases of removal of parental responsibility and foster care, Judicial expert evidence in cases involving minors, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child).

2. “Law and Informatics” ,

(including: economic crime in cyberspace and cryptocurrencies, procedural handling of cybercrime, artificial intelligence and justice – the EU legal framework and challenges following Regulation (EU) 2024/1689, algorithmic justice in criminal cases: an acceptable option for the rule of law?, electronic evidence: discovering the truth in criminal proceedings, technology-enabled criminality – legislative tools for its prevention and suppression).

3. “Protection of Victims of Crimes Involving Serious Forms of Discrimination

(racism, xenophobia, religious intolerance, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, expression or characteristics) in EU Member States

4. “Public Sense of Justice and the Rule of Law”

(including: Public sense of justice and channels of its impermissible influence on criminal judgments, Public sense of justice in the production of legal norms and in the substantiation of judicial decisions, The criminal judge in the face of interventions by political power, Public sense of justice, mass media and judicial authority.

e. Judicial officers and social media, The social construction of reality by the media – jurors’ attitudes – the position of judges, Trial by media and public sense of justice versus judicial neutrality and impartiality).

5. “European Criminal Law – Preliminary Ruling – Legislative Developments in EU Law on Civil Liability for Compensation”

(including: preliminary ruling mechanism before the CJEU, state liability for failure to submit a preliminary reference to the CJEU, issues of interpretation and application in criminal proceedings, european criminal law and preliminary ruling mechanism, combating bribery through criminal law instruments, procedural rights of suspects and accused persons in CJEU case law, harmonisation of Greek substantive environmental criminal law with EU law).

6. “Digital and Virtual Economy”

(including: Justice in the digital era, Smart contracts and issues of liability arising from the application of artificial intelligence systems, the impact of intelligent non-biological agents on fundamental principles of law, regulation (EU) 2023/1114 on markets in crypto-assets, legal issues in the context of the metaverse, competition law rules – collusion, algorithms and vertical restraints on the effective use of the internet, digital economy, abuse of dominant position-, cryptocurrency transactions and their assessment under private law).

II. Seminars to be organized in 2026 (for trainee judges and prosecutors):

1. **Law and Information Technology (Intellectual property in information technology – Artificial intelligence systems in the field of justice – Cybercrime).**
2. **Ethical issues. Mass media and the criminal trial.**
3. **Electronic crime / Internet crime / Cybercrime / Crime in cyberspace.**
4. **The Common Sense of Justice** (including, inter alia (including: sense of justice and natural law, the common sense of justice and its influence on the production of legal rules by the legislator, the common sense of justice versus judicial decisions, impermissible intrusion into judicial reasoning and channels through which such intrusion is attempted (press, mass media, social media, “trial by media”, opinion polls, social groups and institutions, interventions by the political authority (the legislator) before, during and after judicial review, considerations of expediency and invocation of the public interest, court press offices and spokespersons, full transparency and the appearance of impartiality, the rule-of-law judge and the role of jurors).
5. **Special Issues in Public Procurement**

III. 2025 Continuous training (judges and prosecutors)

1. **Energy law and renewable energy**, including environmental licensing, spatial planning for renewable energy sources, protection of NATURA areas, energy security, public procurement in the energy sector, artificial intelligence applications and personal data protection, in light of national, EU and CJEU case law.
2. **Independent authorities and the rule of law**, covering parliamentary oversight of independent authorities, judicial review as a guarantee of the rule of law and of the effectiveness of independent authorities’ actions, pre-contractual audit by the Hellenic Court of Audit and pre-judicial review before the Hellenic Single Public Procurement Authority, institutional coexistence of the Hellenic Court of Audit and independent authorities within the framework of modern fiscal control, contribution of the Hellenic Competition Commission to the rule of law, the Hellenic Authority for Communication Security and Privacy, the Authority for Combating Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing and its role in the European and international environment, the Hellenic Data Protection Authority (HDPa) and its contribution to the rule of law, National Council for Radio and Television: the “first” independent authority – structure and operation, the Ombudsman and the protection of prisoners’ rights in a European rule-of-law state.
3. **Protection of fundamental rights under the Constitution, the European Convention on Human Rights and the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights**, including proportionality and balancing of competing rights, climate change and environmental protection, privacy and surveillance technologies, citizenship and EU law, recovery of public resources, pension and property rights, and the application of Article 6 ECHR in disciplinary proceedings.
4. **Economic and financial crime**, addressing the protection of the EU’s financial interests, asset recovery and confiscation regimes (Directive EU 2024/1260), corruption and liability of legal persons, private-sector bribery, tax crime, money laundering and the interaction between criminal proceedings and fiscal recovery mechanisms.
5. **Emerging forms of criminality and victim protection**, including animal abuse, its links to domestic violence and organised crime, forensic investigation and the criminal law framework for the protection of animals.

6. Social media and justice, encompassing freedom of expression of judicial officers, judicial ethics, cyber-enabled offences, grooming phenomena, hate speech, evidentiary use of social media content and protection of personality rights.

7. International maritime law and marine environmental protection, covering maritime zones, marine national parks, environmental pollution, coastal erosion, search and rescue operations, border control at sea and the impact of digital surveillance technologies on fundamental rights.

8. Freedom of expression, media independence and pluralism, including constitutional and international standards, SLAPP proceedings, presumption of innocence, media influence on criminal justice and civil and criminal liability arising from press and online publications.

IV. Seminars to be organized in 2026 (continuous training for judges and prosecutors)

1. Rights of the accused under Greek law – Approaches through Greek case law and their interconnection with the ECtHR case law.

2. Clawback and rebate mechanisms – Resilience and sustainability of pharmaceutical care through additional tools (Regulation (EU) 2021/2282 on Health Technology Assessment, revision of European pharmaceutical legislation, forthcoming EU Regulation on critical medicines) – Marketing authorization and pricing of medicinal products.

3. Algorithms: Public Administration and Justice, Cybersecurity and Administrative Justice.

4. Application of EU Law by the Administrative Judge: a) The concept of primacy and direct effect of EU law,
b) Application and principles of interpretation of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union,
c) The mechanism of the preliminary ruling.

5. Juveniles and delinquency – Juveniles as victims and offenders – Protection of victims and special treatment – Revictimization – Manifestations and causes of juvenile delinquent behavior – Addressing the phenomenon from the perspective of criminal law and criminal procedure.

6. Enforcement of judgments and the European Arrest Warrant – Extradition and mutual legal assistance – The new Road Traffic Code and its relationship with the Criminal Code.

7. Migration and Asylum Law: Procedure for examining and assessing applications for international protection by the competent national authorities – European developments – National and European case law.

8. Key issues arising in competition law, consumer protection law (including unfair contract terms), and intellectual property law – Legal and jurisprudential treatment under EU law and Greek law.

9. Climate change/crisis: Judicial protection of the environment and human rights – Natural and cultural environment – Urban planning and spatial planning: developments in the regulatory framework and case law at national, EU and international level.

10. Personal data within the meaning of the GDPR (Law No. 4624/2019) – Case law of the ECtHR under Article 8 of the ECHR – The new digital reality – Strategic lawsuits against public participation (SLAPPs) – Transposition of Directive (EU) 2024/1069 and recent developments.

11. Environment protection under EU law and Directive (EU) 2024/1203 on the protection of the environment through criminal law – The offence of cross-border drug traffic.

12. Public Procurement – Awarding and Execution of Public Contracts, including legal framework governing the awarding and execution of public contracts, pre-contractual legal protection, judicial and administrative review: the role of the Hellenic Court of Audit in auditing contracts prior to their conclusion.

13. Sustainability of Public Finances, including importance of sustainable public finances as a prerequisite for economic growth and societal prosperity, legal, economic, and administrative instruments to ensure fiscal stability.

14. Special Issues in Tax and Customs Law, including key challenges in the application of tax and customs legislation, handling disputes and enforcement issues by tax and customs authorities, judicial review and administrative remedies before the Administrative Courts, with emphasis on the protection of rights and compliance with procedural and substantive law.

V. Court Staff Continuous Training (Active Court Staff – 2025)

1. Judicial ethics and codes of conduct for court staff, including professional duties towards colleagues, judges and third parties, ethical and organisational culture, confidentiality of deliberations, professional secrecy, anonymisation of judicial decisions and responsible use of social media.

2. Personal data protection and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), covering Law No. 4624/2019, rights of data subjects, processing of special categories of personal data in judicial functions, obligations of data controllers and processors, and technical and organisational measures for safeguarding personal data within courts.

3. European Union law and judicial cooperation, encompassing the protection of fundamental rights under the European Convention on Human Rights and the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, economic freedoms, the European Arrest Warrant, mutual legal assistance in civil and criminal matters, the European Investigation Order, the European Judicial Network and recent EU legislative developments.

4. Rule of law, fundamental rights and European governance, including the application of the Istanbul Convention, the role of GREVIO, combating hate speech in light of ECtHR case law, and environmental governance within the European legal framework.

VI. Court Staff Continuous Training (organized to be held in 2026)

1. Cybersecurity and Justice – Artificial intelligence and applications in the field of justice.

2. Code of conduct for court staff- judicial employees – General Data Protection Regulation – Sensitive personal data.

3. European Union law issues, including: protection of fundamental rights under the European Convention on Human Rights and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, issuance and execution of the European Arrest Warrant, mutual legal assistance in civil and criminal matters.

B. INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

I. Activities Implemented in 2025

1. In collaboration with EJTN:

“Fundamental Rights”

“Cross-border Labor Law”

“European Civil Procedure in Family Law”

“The role of court staff in Justice. Deontology and Ethics” working group meeting

Civil Sub working group meeting

Digitalization working group final meeting

2. In collaboration with European Academy of Justice (ERA FUNDING)

“Judicial training to prepare criminal justice professionals to digitalization and AI”

“Environmental Law” on October 13th – 15th, participation of ten Greek administrative judges

3. In collaboration with EUAA European Union Agency of Asylum

Workshop on March 13th – 14th 2025 (up to 20 administrative judges from asylum committees, Athens, Ministry of Migration and Asylum)

4. In collaboration with the Council of Europe Help Program.

i. HELP – EJTN course on Judges, “Upholding the Rule of Law”

ii. “Access to Justice in the Digital Environment” on November 18th – 19th 2025 (Strasbourg, France)

iii. “Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights”

iv. “Quality of Justice – the Work of the CEPEJ”

v. “Violence against Women and Domestic Violence” – on February 26th 2026 – in Brussels (Belgium)

5 In collaboration with Centre for European Constitutional Law – Themistocles and Dimitris Tsatsos Foundation

i. “European Union Charter of Fundamental Rights”, on May 28th, 25 Greek judges trained

ii. “CompEUte – Multidisciplinary judicial training for the digital single market”, on December 9th – 12th, 30 judges trained

iii. “CompEUte - Multidisciplinary judicial training for the digital single market”, on December 16th – 19th, 30 judges trained (it took place at Hellenic Competition Commission)

6. In Collaboration with European Public Law Organization (EPLO):

i “Do we actually need a digital assistant in justice?” Topic category: Restorative Justice and Human Rights, on July 11th, 30 Greek judges and 30 students of Hellenic National School of Judiciary trained

ii. “Do we actually need a digital assistant in justice?” Topic category: European Arrest Warrant, on July 18th, 30 Greek judges trained (it took place at the Organization)

IV. Planned International Activities for 2026

1. COLLABORATION WITH CENTRE OF INTERNATIONAL & EUROPEAN ECONOMIC LAW (CIEEL)

Funding proposal support which is about to be applied by CIEEL in the context of the invitation of the European Commission concerning: Human Rights in the context of “Invitation for Submission of Proposals to promote awareness, capacity building and implementation of European Union Charter of Fundamental Rights by Civil Society Organizations (CERV-2025-CHAR-LITI)” and, in particular, on “The EU Charter in Practice: Enhancing Legal Capacity for Lawyers, Judges and Civil Society”.

In addition, the Twinning Program in Morocco, entitled «Renforcement des capacités de l'Institut Supérieur de la Magistrature à contribuer à l'amélioration de l'efficacité du système judiciaire» (MA 22 NDICI JH 02 25).

2. COLLABORATION WITH CENTRE FOR EUROPEAN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW – THEMISTOCLES AND DIMITRIS TSATSOS FOUNDATION

Continuation of program “Competition Law Implementation in the Digital Era – CompEUte”, addressing to civil and administrative judges, with the direction and participation of Hellenic Competition Commission.

Participation at the European program with the theme:

“CHILD’S SAY: Integrating Children’s Voices in Custody Decision-Making” (in custody cases children’s best interest is a priority), with the participation of Ministry of Justice, aiming at judge training.

3. COLLABORATION WITH EUROPEAN PUBLIC LAW ORGANISATION

Participation at the European programs with the theme:

VISAR – Victim Support through Alignment of Remedies (support the victims of crime - the main emphasis on domestic violence).

CAP1 – concerning drug and human trafficking, in the context of a multi-level, criminal environment.

Enhancing Judicial Cooperation through a European Arrest Warrant (EAW)

Chatbot: focuses on the development and implementation of a Chatbot, designed to support legal professionals at the efficient exploitation of the European Arrest Warrant (EAW).

4. COLLABORATION WITH WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANISATION (WIPO)

Hosting a training seminar funded entirely by the Organization in May – June 2026 which will be addressed to 50-60 civil and administrative judges.

5. COLLABORATION WITH ECOLE NATIONALE DE LA MAGISTRATURE (FRANCE)

SHIELD – The rights of child victims of trafficking. The proposal has been submitted to the European Union and we are waiting for a response.

6. PERMANENT COLLABORATION WITH EUROPEAN JUDICIAL TRAINING NETWORK (EJTN)

a) On November 3rd – 4th 2026 – Tax law for administrative judges

b) On November 16th – 18th 2026 – Cyber Crime – Linguistic

7. EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR ASYLUM (EUAA),

a) Workshop on February 12th – 13th 2026 (25 administrative judges) for the committees members

b) Workshop on October 15th – 16th 2026 (25 administrative judges)

c) A four-day seminar on the “New Pact for Migration and Asylum” on September 7th – 11th 2026.

8. EUROPEAN ACADEMY OF LAW (ERA)

Hellenic National School of the Judiciary responds to the call for interest of European Academy of Justice (ERA) and seminars on the Environment, on the European Union Charter of Fundamental Rights, on Digitalization and AI shall be organized at its facilities (Dates are yet to be determined).

9. COUNCIL OF EUROPE – HELP PROGRAMME

Hellenic National School of the Judiciary responds to the call for interest of COUNCIL OF EUROPE – HELP PROGRAMME for online seminars on the European Union Charter of Fundamental Rights, on AI and Digitalization etc.